

REMARKS

Claims 1-58 remain in the application. The claims have been carefully reviewed and amended with particular attention to the points raised in the Office Action. It is submitted that no new matter has been added and no new issues have been raised by the present response.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to the specification.

The title of the invention has been amended to read COMMUNICATION METHOD AND COMMUNICATION APPARATUS FOR DATA COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DEVICES CONNECTED BY A NETWORK, as required by the Office Action.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-58 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The instances noted in the Office Action have been corrected in the amendments made to claims hereby.

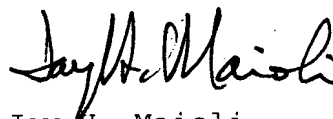
Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-58 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner disagree, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specify where in the cited document there is a basis for such disagreement.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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